

National Statement, delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the Interactive Dialogue with Independent Expert on human rights and international <u>solidari</u>ty 53rd HRC Session 28th June 2023

Mr. President,

We thank the Independent Expert for presentation of this report.

We reaffirm that human rights are interdependent, interrelated and indivisible. As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of UDHR and 30th anniversary of VDPA, we reiterate the need for greater international solidarity in our quest to realize all human rights - civil, political, economic, social and cultural - as well as the right to development.

As contained in the Declaration on the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations, Member States agreed that global challenges were interconnected and could only be addressed by interconnected responses, through reinvigorated multilateralism.

The onset of Covid-19 pandemic laid bare the extant inequalities, within and among states, and the lack of spirit of global cooperation, in some cases.

We underline the importance of rekindling the spirit of global cooperation and taking an inclusive and cooperative approach in the context of promoting and protecting human rights. This is in line with Article 1(3) of the UN Charter that calls on all of us to address problems of social, cultural and economic character through international cooperation.

Mr. Independent Expert,

The solutions to contemporary global challenges of health, food insecurity, inequality and climate change lie in approaches anchored in human rights and international solidarity.

We would like to hear your views on the existing barriers to promoting human rights approaches and international solidarity in the prevailing multilateral process covering global health, social, economic and financial issues.

I thank you!